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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Several Press Requests for CIA Cooperation

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Richard Dudman, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, and several other members of the Overseas Writers Club have told us that Dick Bissell will be the off-the-record speaker at the luncheon meeting Wednesday, 6 October 1965. The meeting will be open to members who are U.S. citizens. It is expected to be the largest attended meeting since Allen Dulles appeared several years ago. Mr. Bissell will be questioned at length on the U-2 and on the Bay of Pigs.
3. New Subject. Jeremiah O'Leary, WASHINGTON EVENING STAR, said that Mr. West of the State Department has asked him to do a book on Santo Domingo as a counter to the forthcoming books by Tad Szulc, Barnard Collier of the N.Y. HERALD-TRIBUNE, and Jules DuBois of the CHICAGO TRIBUNE. O'Leary said he has never written a book and they want something of a "quickie" but he thinks he will do it. I told him that the Agency would, on the usual non-attribution basis, be as helpful as possible should he undertake this project at State Department request.
4. New Subject. Jerry Hannifin, Latin American Editor of TIME, called me late yesterday afternoon to request a briefing on Cuba. TIME only yesterday decided to do a crash cover profile on Castro and the current Cuban situation. Their Washington staff is actively seeing State, Defense, and others. Milton Brown of OCI will brief Mr. Hannifin at 1030 today. I will be present.
5. New Subject. Bill Downs of ABC said that ABC is planning an hour long special on Communist China. He is looking for film. Graphics is getting together a list of where ABC might secure some film from commercial American or foreign sources. When they get to the writing stage, Downs will request the Agency for non-attributable assistance and guidance. You may recall him from the CBS meetings we used to have. He left CBS over a year ago to join ABC. He is reliable and cooperative.

SIGNED

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